

## Defensive Driving Course Information

Effective August 15, 2019, all *initial* applicants for the Escort Vehicle Operator Program will be required to submit documentation of completion a defensive driving course that has been approved by the National Safety Council along with a copy of their State certified driving record and application to the NCODT Oversize/Overweight Permit Unit.

Defensive driving courses can be found online at the following link:

<https://www.nsc.org/safety-training/defensive-driving/courses/online/2-and-4-hour-course>

## FAQ

Q: Are recerts required to take the defensive driving course?

A: No. Anyone holding a North Carolina EVO Certification with an effective date prior to August 15, 2019 is “grandfathered in” and does not have to provide documentation of a defensive driving course when recertifying.

Q: Does it matter if I take the 2 hour or the 4 hour course?

A: No. Either class may be taken.

Q: Do I have to take the online course, or can I take the course in person?

A: As long as the course is approved by the National Safety Council, you may take the course in person at a facility that offers it.

Q: What if I let my current certification expire? Do I have to apply as an initial applicant and take the defensive driving course at that time?

A: No. If you have EVER held a North Carolina EVO Certification, you are grandfathered in and do not have to take the defensive driving course.

Q: What if I have taken the defensive driving course sometime in the past? Does the course have to be current or can I use my old certificate?

A: As long as the course you took was approved by the National Safety Council, you can use the certificate from a defensive driving course you’ve taken in the past.